National Commission for SCs/STs

†2580. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to make a division of National Commission for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, by when this division would be made; and

(c) by when the separate Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes would start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has introduced a Constitutional Amendment Bill in Parliament to amend Article 338 of the Constitution to set up a separate National Commission for Scheduled Tribes.

Funds for Scheduled Caste students

2581. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state whether Government have received the proposals from Government of Karnataka for the benefit of Scheduled Caste students in regard to sharing expenditure in connection with coaching of Scheduled Castes candidates for competitive examinations like I.A.S. etc. and students studying in IX to XII Standards for entry to professional courses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The Govt, has received a proposal from Government of Karnataka for release of Rs. 45.00 Lacs under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Coaching and Allied Assistance for Weaker Sections including Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes and Minorities for imparting

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